SEZ in Karnataka

743. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Special Economic Zone, IT Special Economic Zone and the Export Promotion Industrial Park in the country and more particularly in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely benefits that will accrue to Karnataka with the establishment of above Zones/Parks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for the Central Gvoernment to set up any new Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and the policy of the Government is to encourange and facilitate establishment of SEZs in the private sector or joint sector in association with the State Governments or by the State Governments themselves. There is also no proposal to set up any Export Promotion Industrial Park.

(c) The likely benefits that will accrue on account of establishment of SEZs include generation of additional economic activity, promotion of exports and services, promotion of investment from domestic and foreign sources, creation of employment opportunities and development of infrastructure facilities.

Extension of moratorium period to coffee growers

744. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the demand of the coffee growers to extend the moratorium period for coffee growers who were not able to secure the interest waiver extended under the Special Coffee Term Loan Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the additional benefits Government propose to extend to the coffee growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Coffee Board has recommended to the Government of India to extend time limit for